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- Get rid of all cigarettes, lighters, and ash trays
- Leave situations and activities that trigger smoking

## Replace Smoking with Substitute Behaviors

- Carry an object you can use to keep your hands busy
- Chew gum, cinnamon sticks, or some other oral substitute
- Go for a walk
- Distract yourself by getting involved in a hobby
- Chew a piece of nicotine gum (Nicorette)
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- Tell yourself it's not OK to smoke "just one"...just "one"usually leads to more
- Think of what you dislike most about smoking
- Think of someone you love that makes quitting worthwhile
- Smoking won't solve your problem, it only creates new ones
- Smoking will actually increase your stress over the long run
- Smoking now only makes quitting harder later on
- Imagine your life as a non-smoker

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